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BOARD ON SELECTION:

Those officers who were recommended by the Board on Selection convened in June, and who have not yet made their numbers for promotion, will, in the absence of unforeseen vacancies, become eligible for promotion on the dates indicated below:

To be Rear Admirals:

Henry H. Hough	27 Nov. 1924
Harley H. Christy	2 Dec. 1924
Noble E. Irwin	23 Feb. 1925
Thomas J. Senn	Undetermined.

To be Captains:

George J. Meyers	27 Nov. 1924
Edward J. Marquart	2 Dec. 1924
Donald C. Bingham	5 Jan. 1925
Ralph M. Griswold	23 Feb. 1925
Lewis B. Porterfield	24 May 1925
Gilbert J. Rowcliff	Undetermined
James P. Lannon	Do
Ralph P. Craft	Do

To be Commanders:

Patrick N. L. Bellinger	27 Nov. 1924
William T. Mallison	2 Dec. 1924
Newton H. White, Jr.	5 Jan. 1925

To be Commanders (continued):

Samuel A. Clement	19 Feb. 1925
Richard F. Bernard	23 Feb. 1925
Richmond K. Turner	12 Apr. 1925
Alexander M. Charlton	24 May 1925
John W. Benkin	Undetermined
Henry F. D. Davis	Do
Oscar Smith	Do
Herbert A. Jones	Do
Henry T. Mackland	Do
William R. Smith, Jr.	Do
Joseph J. Borsack	Do
Frank J. Wille	Do
Eugene B. Wilson	Do

UNIFORM REQUIRED WHEN APPEARING BEFORE EXAMINING OR RETIRING BOARD.

Information has reached the Bureau of Navigation that certain officers who have been ordered to Washington to appear before the Naval Examining or Retiring Board have come with the expectation of appearing before the Board in civilian clothes. This is incorrect.

Officers ordered to duty of this sort in Washington should come prepared to wear the uniform prescribed by the Uniform Regulations.

ECONOMY IN TELEGRAPHED DESPATCHES:

The Bureau is in receipt of numerous telegraphic requests for changes in distribution of officers, telegraphic recommendations for changes in officers' orders, telegraphic requests for leave and for extensions of leave; many of which could be accomplished equally as well by means of written communications forwarded through the mails.

In view of the necessity for the exercise of careful economy in expenditures for despatch service it is necessary that commercial despatches be used only in regard to matters which can not be handled by mailed communications, and that, to accomplish this result, officers make plans in advance to avoid the necessity for commercial despatches except for urgent business caused by contingencies which could not be anticipated.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL DATA:

STATISTICAL DATA - 1st QUARTER 1925.

Losses from Causes other than Expiration of Enlistment (deducting surrenders and deliveries of deserters) averaged during the quarter 4.1% of the strength of the Navy, - or on an annual basis, 16.3%. This compares favorably with the percentage of 17.5% for the fiscal year 1924.

STATISTICAL DATA (ENLISTED PERSONNEL) 1st QUARTER 1925, cont'd.

Gross Desertions during the quarter, on an annual basis, show a reduction of 13% of the previous year's experience.

Surrenders and Deliveries of Deserters during the quarter averaged 70% of gross desertions, as compared to 60% during 1924.

Reenlistments and Extensions for the quarter have averaged 87% as compared to 72% in 1924.

The Bureau notes that all of the above factors of the enlisted personnel situation reflect an improvement over the 1924 experience, and have had an important bearing on the fewer first enlistments required to maintain a strength of 86,000 men.

TRADE SCHOOL GRADUATES:

The following paragraph has been included in the revision of the Bureau of Navigation Manual:

"Successful completion of instruction at a trade school does not of itself assure advancement in rating. Advancement in rating depends in part upon the practical application of the knowledge gained. In order that the service may benefit by the time, effort and funds expended in the maintenance of trade schools, graduates should be assigned to duties that will permit their training to be continued. In order that the individual man may not lose the benefit of the instruction on shore, it is usually necessary to continue his training after graduation. It should be understood, however, that trade school graduates are not a separate class of men, nor have they a right to special consideration. They may be assigned to any duty or to any detail in the discretion of their commanding officers, but it is assumed that these officers will take cognizance of and give full consideration to the valuable training that has been given."

CONTINUOUS SERVICE:

The revision of the Bureau of Navigation Manual will provide for reenlistment in the rating in which discharged, if reenlistment is effected within three months from date of discharge. Continuous service is thus made to agree with the payment of enlistment allowance and the retention of permanent appointments. Although this change will not be effective until the approval by the Secretary of the Navy of the entire revision, it is requested that publicity be given to this impending change. After this change has been approved, reenlistment under continuous service (same rating as discharged), retention of permanent appointment, issue of C.S.C., and payment of enlistment allowance will all be on the same basis; viz., three months.

MOTION PICTURES:

The Following pictures have been purchased and will be distributed as soon as received from the producers:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STAR.</u>
The Sea Hawk	Milton Sills.
Forbidden Paradise	Pola Negri
Merton of the Movies	Glenn Hunter
Wages of Virtue	Gloria Swanson
Manhattan	Richard Dix
A Sainted Devil	Rudolph Valentino.
Worldly Goods	Agnes Ayres.
Abraham Lincoln	George Billings
The Speed Spook	Johnny Hines

NAVAL OBSERVATORY NEWS:

The Naval Observatory has sent to all ships and stations the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac for 1925.

The notice on the cover calls attention to certain changes, which deal primarily with the fact that the data is now given on the basis of the Astronomical Day, beginning at the same time as the Civil Day, i.e., midnight.

The Nautical Almanac Office, U. S. Naval Observatory, now has on the press a volume of the Astronomical Papers of the American Ephemeris, "Positions and Proper Motions of 1504 Standard Stars", based chiefly on modern observations made between 1900 and 1920.

These new positions, in manuscript, have been used in time determinations at the Naval Observatory since January 1923, at the Ottawa Observatory since January 1924, and for over a year in the work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Information concerning the new positions has been furnished, by request, to the astronomers of Australia.

These new positions will replace those now in use in the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac beginning with the volumes for 1928, and several European Almanacs have announced their intention to begin using these positions at the same time.

The copies of the Ephemeris for 1925, 1926, and 1927 contain a table of corrections, Table XIII, by which the positions in those Ephemerides can be reduced to the new system.

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